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PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTION OF  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

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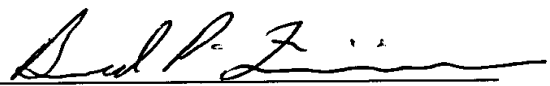
Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of May 16, 2001, for the above-referenced Patent Application, for two (2) months, from July 16, 2001, to September 16, 2001. The granting of the requested extension of time to September 16, 2001 will not

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extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit. Enclosed is a check for \$195.00 to cover the cost of the two-month extension in the small entity amount, and a check for \$847.00 to cover the cost for the basic filing fee in the small entity amount (\$355.00); the charge for the additional claim fees in the small entity amount (\$427.00); and the late filing fee surcharge (\$65.00). Applicant believes no further fees are due. However, should any additional fees be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required with respect to this Petition or the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

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